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Insurance Agent Charged with Pocketing Premiums

Ryan Webb, a Salt Lake County insurance agent, was charged with Insurance Fraud, a 2nd degree felony, unlawful Dealing by a Fiduciary, a 2nd degree felony, Theft by Deception, a 2nd degree felony and Forgery, a 3rd degree felony.

Webb, an agent with Brighton Insurance Group, Inc. of Sandy, allegedly sold a business insurance policy to the owner of Pinky's Bar. After a fire loss the victim filed a claim with Auto-Owners Insurance, but was informed that he had no policy. Webb had prepared and provided forged insurance binders to the victim purporting they were the authorized and legitimate policies. He regularly picked up premium checks from the victim and had asked that the checks be written directly to him "for convenience at the bank." Webb allegedly collected over \$20,000 in premium checks that were never forwarded to the insurance company.

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